



Howard County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Approved

Education Capital and Operating Budget Work Session #1
Virtual Meeting
Monday, May 3, 2021

The Chairperson opened the Meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Members Present: Liz Walsh, Chairperson; Opel Jones, Vice Chairperson; Deb Jung; Christiana Rigby; David Yungmann.

Council Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor.

Administration Staff Present: Noted below.

Revenue Overview

Dr. Sun provided a brief overview of FY2022 projected revenues noting growth is expected to be approximately 2.4%. Highlights in the budget include implementing body worn cameras, opening the New Courthouse and utilization of Pay-As-You-GO funding. The Council requested additional information about Federal stimulus funds, economic recovery, and the impact of the pandemic on the County.

Howard Community College

Dr. Hetherington provided an overview of the Community College FY2022 budget request which included funds for the Mathematics Complex. General discussion about debt service expense, student enrollment and potential collective bargaining unit. The Council acknowledged Dr. Hetherington's contributions to the Community College and provided well wishes for her upcoming retirement.

Howard County Library System

Ms. Aikens provided an overview of the pandemic impact on the Library System. General discussion about the FY2022 proposed budget which includes a COLA and merit increase and funding for design of the Downtown Columbia branch. Ms. Aikens responded to questions about the project to construct the library and affordable housing units. The Council requested more information about this project including; comparable cost per square foot for construction; contributions from partner organizations; and HUD guidelines for affordable housing.

HCPSS – Capital Improvement Projects

Dr. Wu and Dr. Martirano provided the Council with an overview of the HCPSS FY2022 proposed capital budget. The priorities include; Hammond High School, High School #13, and Talbott Springs. General discussion about the Maintenance Of Effort calculation and the Maryland State Department of Education guidelines. HCPSS staff responded to Council questions about systemic renovations; deferred maintenance; and the long-range capital plan.

Council requested additional information about school security measures; projects eligible for State Aid; and information about the increased Transfer Tax.

A meeting will be scheduled for discussion about HCPSS FY2022 Operating Budget and to complete review of the FY2022 HCPSS Capital Budget.

The Meeting concluded at 3:28 pm

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Monday, May 3, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
Administration Attendees

**Revenue
Overview**

Dr. Holly Sun
Brook Mamo
Rafiu Ighile
Angela Price

Howard Community College

Kate Hetherington
Lynn Coleman
Cindy Peterka
Jean Svacina
Linda Wu
Shelly Bilello
Chris Heston
Chuck Nightingale
Travis Hopkins

Howard County Library System

Tonya Aikens
Angela Brade
Peter Engel - EDA
Alastair Smith - EDA
Mark Stromdahl - Facilities
Sharon Walsh - Facilities

Howard County School System

Board Members:

Dr. Chao Wu, Chair
Jennifer Mallo, Vice Chair
Vicky Cutroneo
Christina Delmont-Small
Dr. Yun Lu
Jolene Mosley
Antonia Watts

HCPSS Staff:

Dr. Michael Martirano, Superintendent
Karalee Turner-Little, Deputy Superintendent
Tim Guy
Jahantab Siddiqui
Darin Conforti
Anissa Dennis
Patric Saunderson
Ron Morris
Jason McCoy
Jack Davis
Colbi Dorman
Scott Washington
Daniel Lubeley
David Ramsay
Brian Ralph
Herb Savje
Doug Pindell
Chris Madden
Tom McNeal
Bruce Gist
David Larner
Bill Barnes
Ruth Grasty
Caroline Walker
Lisa Davis
Ebony Langford-Brown
Jenny Novak
Terri Savage
Janice Yetter
Bill Barnes
Kerrie Wagaman
Kathleen Hanks
Sandra Austin